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No one is untouchable

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Arrows no longer fly in Paco of Noy's youth

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'Abadilla 5' now seek pardon



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Leftist rebs losing out to Facebook

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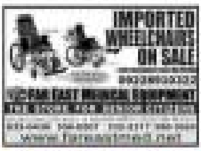




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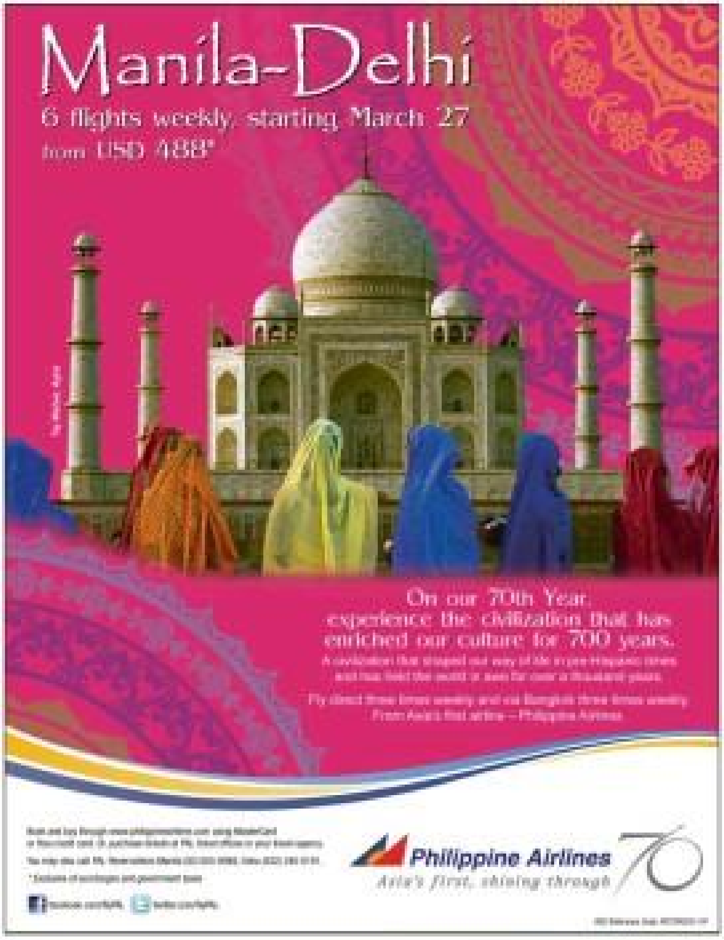


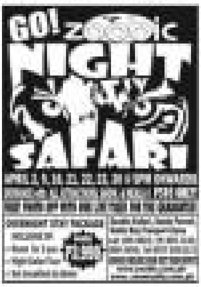




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Kids suffer the worst



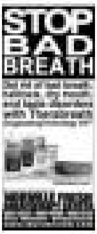


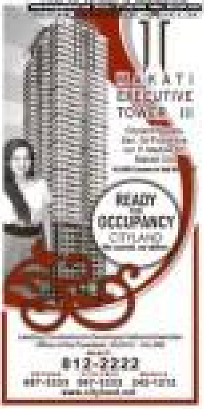


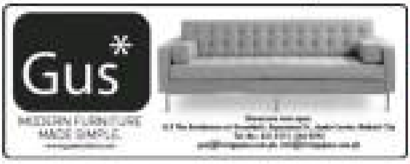


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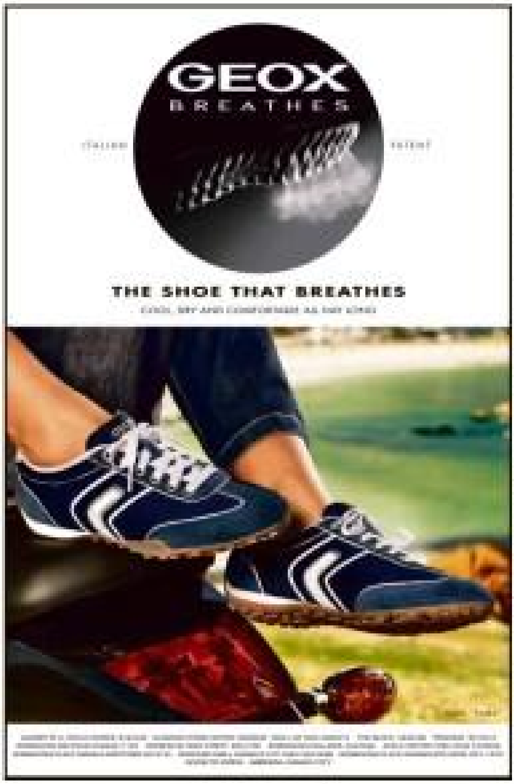






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By Kristine L. Alave

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War games: Animals are big winners

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—What part of the Balikatan war games is most popular among Filipinos?

Medical care of animals, according to United States Ambassador Harry Thomas Jr.

Asked what new developments this year's Balikatan has brought to the table, Thomas replied: "The thing that has seemed to be most popular with the farmers is these veterinary missions that we do, where their animals can be treated. That is very good."

Thomas spoke to the Inquirer during a recent visit to Angeles City, north of this Pampanga capital.

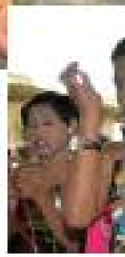
For example, US Army Capt. Jennifer Scruggs, who is detailed with the Western District Veterinary Command, and Philippine Air Force Staff Sgt. Carlo Tumambing, gave rabies shots to goats, cats and dogs as well as vaccines for carabaos in several communities in Tarlac on April 4.

Balikatan is the biggest of 30 military exercises that American and Filipino army, air and naval forces hold yearly since the Senate approved in 1999 the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA).

Designed originally as joint training exercises in the field and inside classrooms to develop the "interoperability" of the two countries' forces, Balikatan has included since 2004, civic medical and dental missions, veterinary services as well as roads and school roofs projects. *Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon*

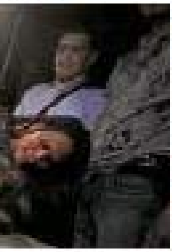
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No Pinoy killed in attack on UN mission







Tour of the Fireflies: Mardi gras on wheels





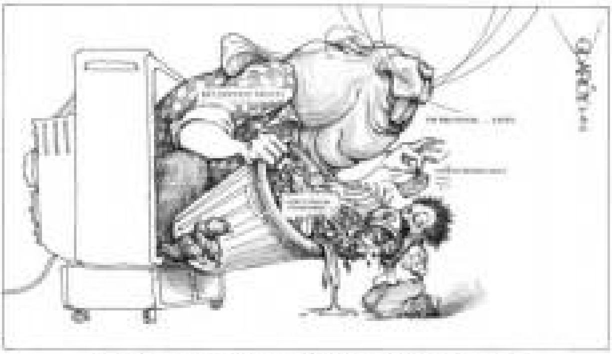
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4 motions for Zaldy

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Full battle gear

'Routine' reshuffle





Japan uses gas to stop explosion at nuke plant

New urgency

How the nitrogen process works



What's the problem?

How will nitrogen help?

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Davao City may recapture its 'Little Tokyo'

2nd biggest city

Best thing to do

Across the NATION

COA: ₱1B of ARMM fund wasted under Ampatuan

THE AUTONOMOUS Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), which includes the poorest provinces in the country, had ignored laws and misused government funds, disbursing these for P1 billion worth of questionable transactions, and for the upkeep of a Metro Manila office in a posh neighborhood to the tune of P29 million.

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A MANSION in Davao City belonging to the Ampatuan clan

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4,500 cops tapped for Lent duty in Calabarzon

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Military says Ka Roger wife dead in clash

Pangasinan town recovers from adversities

HOMETOWN *Snapshot*



Poll tribunal orders manual recount in Biliran

Cholera seen in 30 deaths in remote Palawan village



Iggy girlfriend stirs Negros political circle

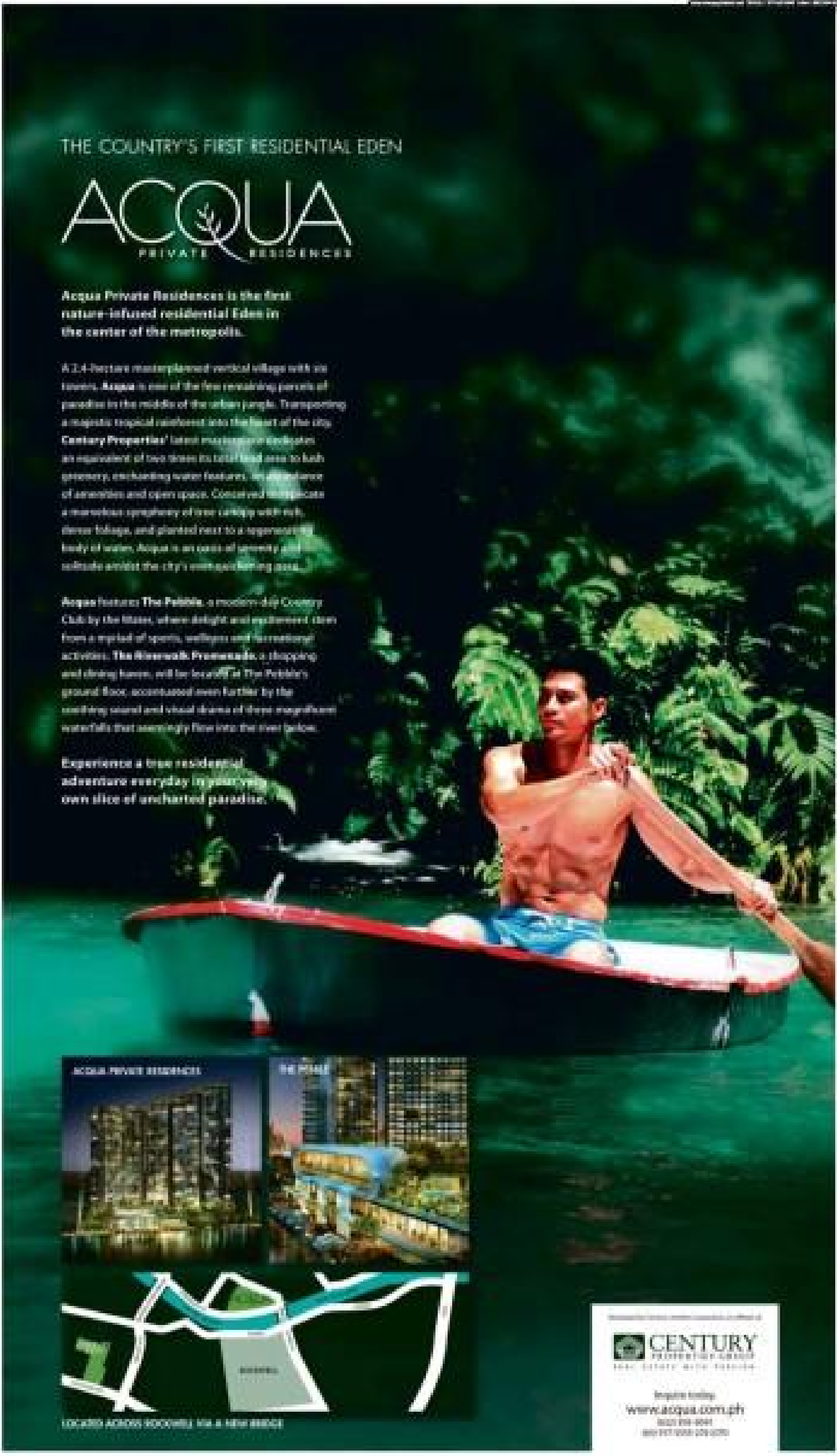
> "I know in my heart that the people in the fifth district know how sincere I am with my love ..."



Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines

Let justice be the tie that binds us as a nation: No to a Hero's Burial for Marcos!

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SENATE COMMITTEE FINDINGS

'FPIC liable for oil leak'

By [illegible]

A SENATE committee has found First Philippine Industrial Corp. (FPIC) liable for the massive oil leak at West Tower condominium in Barangay Bangkal, Makati City, and asked the Lopez-owned company to provide "sufficient compensation" for affected residents.

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Cops probe radio host's companion

By [illegible]

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New grads mourn loss of diplomas in fire



A FAMILY who lost their home in a fire in Malabon City try to stay warm underneath a blanket as they spend the night on the sidewalk.

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Student kills self

Fire hits DSWD office

Veterans Bank exhibit at Glorietta 5

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Libya rebels don't really add up to an army

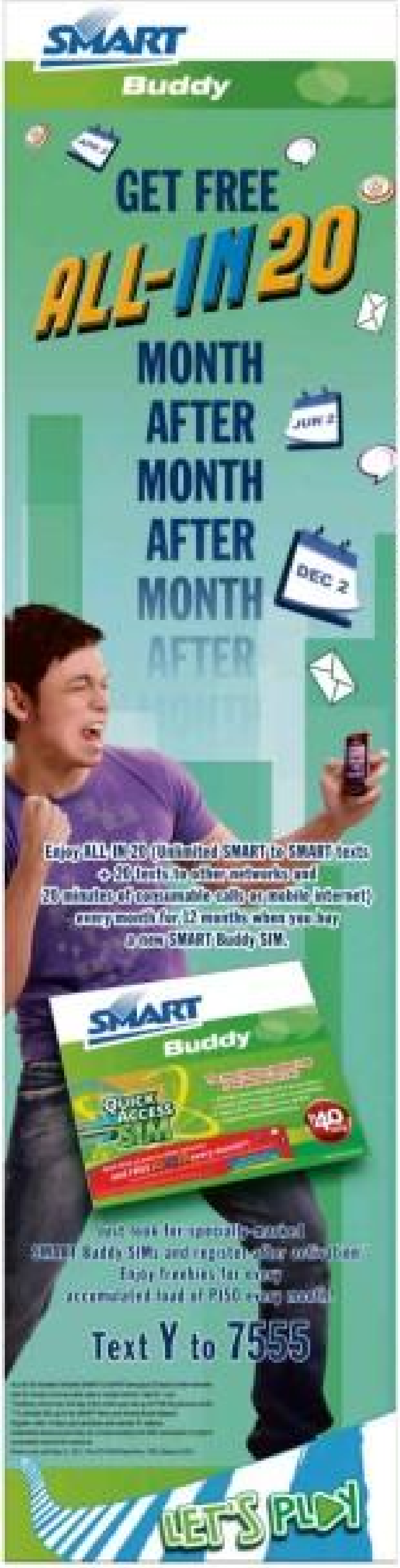
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Gadhafi writes to Obama urging end to air strikes

Battle for oil town of Brega remains unresolved



TRIPOLI, Libya—Moammar Gadhafi of Libya sent another strikingly personal letter to President Barack Obama on Wednesday, urging him to stop Nato's air strikes but drawing a swift rejection in response.

SM SPORTSFEST AT THE MALL OF ASIA









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■ Spurs gain No. 1 seed; Hornets in
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Editor Teodoro S. Molina
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Big opening PH Open pool show by Pinoys

By Marc Anthony Reyes

FILIPINO CUE masters wasted no time asserting their prowess in their territory last night.

Led by world-ranked players Antonio Lining, Dennis Orcollo and Ronato Alcano, nine locals [illegible] opening-day victories in the Philippine Open pool championships at the Megatrade Hall of SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City.

Lining, the world No. 2 [illegible] "Django" Bustamante, [illegible] Australia.

Lining, the [illegible] 2002 Asian Games gold medalist, [illegible] opponent took so long to take a shot.

"I knew I could beat him, but I had to wait for all his shots," said the 47-year-old Lining, the 2006 Japan Open 9-ball champion.

[illegible]

Alcano, a two-time world champion, [illegible] World 8-ball king. Orcollo [illegible] Dennis [illegible] Pulpul, 9-7.

"It's been so long since I won a big tournament. I hope luck comes my way here and during the World 10-ball in May," said Alcano, who won the World 9-ball and World 8-ball in 2006 and 2007, respectively.

Also notching wins for the Filipinos were [illegible] Jeffrey [illegible].

[illegible] 9-8 [illegible] Hong Kong.

[illegible] the 2010 US Open 10-ball champ. [illegible]



WORLD 8-Ball champion Dennis Orcollo shoots against countryman [illegible] Pulpul. Orcollo [illegible]

PBA q'final playoffs on: Kings clash with E-Painters

SHAKEY'S V-LEAGUE

Lady Falcons trip USLS side



Romero on target as new shoot head

All eyes on Ravena as Eagles debut vs Lions



RAVENA. Out to elevate game.



Feliciano, Pollington post sweeps for Fern-C Racing

1-2 punch of Philippine boxing

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Big opening PH Open pool show by Pinoys

Mickelson—not Woods—is Masters favorite



Defense is a game plan, not a reaction

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Morales back, faces Argentine



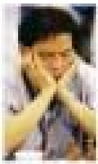
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Torre downs Zhang, gains share of lead in Indonesia



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PH set record anew as reserves hit $66B in Q1

BSP income, gov't borrowings beef up stock of foreign currencies

THE COUNTRY again marked a milestone when its gross international reserves (GIR) hit a record $66 billion by the end of the first quarter.

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Megaworld aims to raise $200M via debt paper sale

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CURRENCIES

PH blue-chip firms hit the big time

By Doris C. Dumlao

FOUR PHILIPPINE blue-chip firms—Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., SM Investments Corp., International Container Terminal Services Inc. and Jollibee Foods Corp.—made it to the elite list of 240 "durable" Asian companies drawn up by regional financial services group CLSA Asia-Pacific Markets.

The Hong Kong-based CLSA, a leading, independent brokerage and investment group in the Asia-Pacific, recently published "The Moat Report," which highlighted Asian companies that generated returns above cost of capital, sustained earnings growth, and were trading at "undemanding" valuations.

The local companies that made it to the regional list are part of the main-share Philippine Stock Exchange index with the following index weights: PLDT (15.24 percent), SMIC (6.08 percent), ICTSI (2.49 percent) and Jollibee (2.41 percent).

The controlling stockholders of two of these blue chips—SMIC's Henry Sy and ICTSI's Enrique Razon—are on Forbes Magazine's recent list of world billionaires (in US dollar terms).

"Economic moats" were cited as the basis for CLSA's sifting of companies with durable competitive advantage.

American investment guru Warren Buffett previously coined the term "economic moat" to refer to the ability to maintain such an advantage.

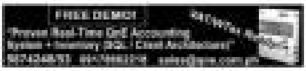
Companies have a "moat" around their operation when they have a business franchise and pricing power that leads to wide margins and good return ratios, the CLSA report said.

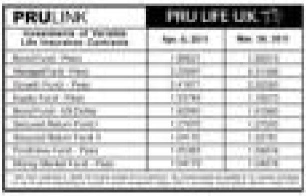
CLSA Philippines, in a subsequent report, also said there were still other "moats" in the country, apart from the four blue chips that made it to the regional list. These are Aboitiz Power Corp., DMCI Holdings Inc., Universal Robina Corp., Alliance Global Group Inc. and Phoenix Petroleum Philippines.

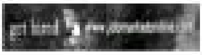
PLDT's stake from Metro Pacific Investments may also emerge as a powerhouse in the coming years, said the local unit of CLSA in a report dated April 5.

The local CLSA report, written by analyst Alfred Dy, explained that PLDT made it to the regional list after the company's leading telco player succeeded in its branding/convergence thrust "through affiliates [illegible]

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PLDT CheckOut:
A simple solution to one of SMEs most common problem

SMEs face such a chronic problem. In this fast-paced and modern world, paper check and manual-based processes of sales transactions are still very common with small and medium enterprises.

The ever-popular cash register is still very common among SMEs. Even more common is how small businesses still log their sales on sales ledgers and store their money in plastic containers.

These methods it greatly limit entrepreneurs. These lead to bad inventory management and time-consuming process of inputting, checking and re-checking of data.

Such a common problem calls for such a simple solution: an internet-based POS system.

Imagine, inventory, customer and accounting information can be checked and analyzed in real time. It creates a whole new world that businesses can play with.

Now, SMEs can have a more efficient business process. They have access to data which they can turn into invaluable information. They can even go as far as knowing how to serve their consumers better.

PLDT, the leading telephone company in the Philippines, leads the way in making this all possible for the SME.

PLDT has come up with a specific arm just for SMEs, aptly called PLDT SME Nation. Their aim is to help businesses increase their profits and maximize efficiency while minimizing costs through various products and services made especially for the Filipino business' needs.

One of the latest innovations is PLDT CheckOut. It's a web-based POS System that allows businesses to have an automated process of accepting and recording sales transactions, lets them monitor inventory levels and gives them real-time access to sales analytics.

The best thing about it is that it's simple, easy and won't make such a big dent on the budget. Thanks to PLDT SME Nation, these services will help the SME's grow in an easy and cost-efficient manner.

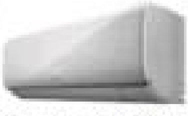
The dream is to see SMEs grow to their full potential. With PLDT SME Nation as their partner, they have a strong foundation to start with.

To find out more about PLDT CheckOut, please call 101-808 or visit www.pldtsme-nation.com.ph



Samsung Introduces Two New Advanced Air Conditioners

The Maldives Inverter Split type and Boracay Split type Series featureadvanced cooling technology helping consumers"" "save money and energy"



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MWC issuing fixed-rate notes

Petron seen spending P50B to relocate Pandacan oil depot

Plan scheduled for completion in 2 to 3 years

By Amy R. Remo



PLDT inks agreement with Picazo Buyco Tan Fider & Santos Law Offices

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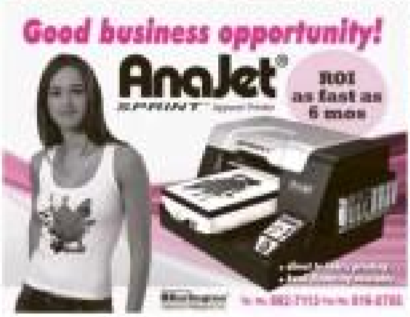
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STRONG DEMAND

BTr raises another ₱7.5B from treasury bills







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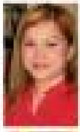
Export firm breathes new life into old houses

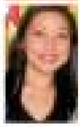




Japanese restaurant lures community through its doors

Earning from pampering others







Food manufacturer jumps into the crowded retail arena







MOLDEX REALTY, INC.
In sight of a glorious silver celebration

As a real estate developer, Moldex Realty Inc. eagerly awaits its silver anniversary. It continues to seize new opportunities and take new challenges head-on, making sure that it is taking the right steps to having another good year.

Recently, Moldex Realty Marketing Inc., the marketing arm of Moldex Realty Inc., hosted two kick-off rallies for its sellers. With a Royal Chinese Ball theme, the horizontal sales kick-off was held last February 17th at Crossroads 77 located at Mother Ignacia corner Scout Reyes, Quezon City. Celebrity turned financial guru, Chinkee Tan gave an inspirational talk to all who attended the event. The vertical sales kickoff, meanwhile, was held last March 1st at Palacio de Maynila on Roxas Boulevard with a Vintage Vegas theme. Renowned book author and corporate trainer Francis Kong was the guest speaker.

Moldex Realty has been aggressive in its horizontal developments that include house and lot projects in north and south Luzon and vertical developments of medium-rise and high-rise buildings within Metro Manila, thus illustrating the ability of Moldex Realty to provide quality housing across all markets.

During the kick-offs, key Moldex Realty executives motivated the sellers by speaking of better years ahead by virtue of the number of developments the company is currently working on. This means that there will be more opportunities and choices for the sellers. The good news put the sellers in high spirits and all were excited about the prospect of having more options. They were also thrilled to learn that they will also be getting more marketing support which will enable them to focus on their sales.



A known speaker and author, Chinkee Tan sits about prosperity with more than 700 Moldex sellers of Moldex Realty Marketing, Inc. at the annual kick-off held at Crossroads 77.



Mr. Francis Kong, book author, broadcaster, business consultant, and inspirational speaker gives an inspirational talk to Moldex sellers during Moldex Realty Marketing Inc.'s Vintage Vegas kick-off rally at Palacio de Maynila.



Moldex Realty executives all geared up for a year of possibilities – with Myla Dizon, MGOC VP and MRMI Head for Sales & Marketing; Anabel Uy, MGOC Director; Michael Uy, MGOC Vice Chairman; Francis Kong, Palacio's inspirational speaker for the night; Asben Trinidad, MGOC VP for Project Management

Moldex Group of Companies

The Moldex Group of Companies' success story is a story of hardwork, perseverance, and vision. It began in 1987 as Moldex Products Inc. At that time, Moldex was a relatively small company that reprocessed plastic materials into pellets then sold to downstream product manufacturers.

The firm quickly graduated to producing PVC film, a material used for blister packaging of various pharmaceutical products, then later to polyethylene and polybutylene pipes and fittings. This is the time when the company really began making a name for itself. A few years later, it diversified into electrical and telecom conduits, as well as PVC-U DWV sanitary pipes and fittings. Moldex became and still is today, the market leader in PVC pipes.

In the early '90s, the company ventured into real estate development, establishing Moldex Realty Inc., where it devoted its efforts initially to horizontal project developments.

Making its mark in the vertical developments in the succeeding years, the high-rise condominium 1322 Golden Empire, located along Roxas Boulevard in Manila, became one of its flagship projects as well as one of its architectural masterpieces.

This early achievement gave birth to four new companies namely Moldex Land Inc., Moldex Construction Inc., Moldex Insurance Agency Inc., and Moldex Realty Marketing, Inc., the marketing arm of Moldex Realty, Inc.

As Moldex Realty Inc. embraces new opportunities, the company is expanding its sales force by continuing to accredit new brokers and in-house sellers to market its new developments in hopes that new brokers and sellers will take on become part of the company's storied history.



Top sellers with MGOC executives – Rey Ignacio Dizon, MRI President; Myla Dizon, MGOC VP & MRMI Head for Sales & Marketing; Anabel Uy, MGOC Director; Tisha Capulong, MRMI VP for Sales Operations; Asben Trinidad, MGOC VP for Project Management



Top sellers during the sales kick-off rally held at Crossroads with Moldex Realty's Myla Dizon, MGOC VP and MRMI Head for Sales & Marketing and Tisha Capulong, MRMI VP for Sales Operations.

Moldex Realty

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YOUR BAG IS NOT THE BLACK HOLE

How busy, stylish women organize their bags



JENNI Epperson's bag

Sick and tired of searching for your keys? Take tips from these savvy ladies—from segregating stuff into pouches, to keeping essentials in the biggest pocket

By Carmencita S. Sioson
Contributor

"WHAT DO you put in your bags?"—my brothers often stare in dismay when they have the lovely task of helping me lug them to and from the car, not an easy feat. Take note: the usual bag weighs about 5 lbs.

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A POUCH is a great container for makeup and other beauty needs.



How busy, stylish women organize their bags



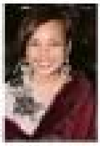






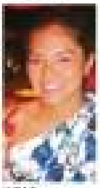


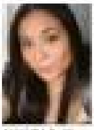














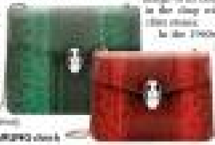
The Mediterranean in a minaudiere

Blue skies and seascapes inspire Bulgari's breathtaking new accessories, launched in Milan







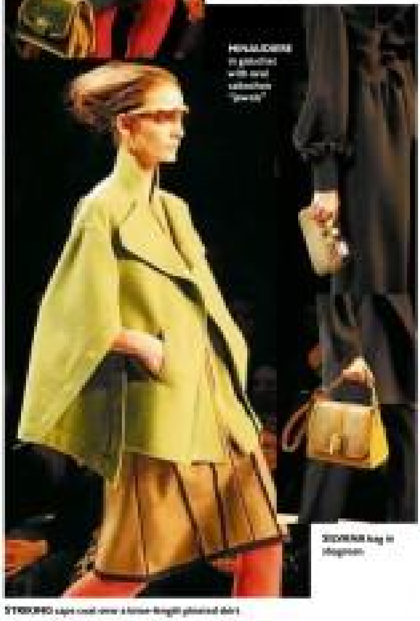






Fendi highlights rich fur-and-feather roots





Dr. Joyce Brown: 'Your strength is in your ability to use natural fibers in developing textiles'

By Alex Y. Vergara

HER TIGHT schedule didn't allow her much time to shop, but Dr. Joyce Brown, president of the prestigious Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in New York, still managed to buy herself an eye-popping necklace made from the South Sea pearls during a quick visit to one of Manila's pearl markets.

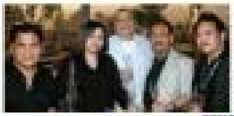
"I don't know where they took me," said Brown. "You have to ask Josie."

She was referring, of course, to her good friend, New York-based Filipino designer Josie Natori. It was upon Natori's invitation that Brown and husband Carl McCall, a US senator and prominent Democrat, embarked on their trip to the Philippines.

The pearl market in question turned out



JOSIE Natori, Bro. Dennis Jose Armada, US Sen. McCall, Bro. Michael Valenzuela



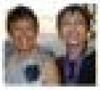
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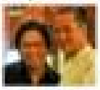
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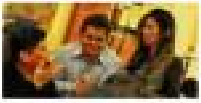
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to be in Greenhills, San Juan, a must-go-to place for locals and foreigners alike in search of the best and cheapest pearls.

Natori and De La Salle College of St. Benilde (DLS-CSB), led by its president, Bro. Victor Franco, recently hosted dinner in the couple's honor at the DLS-CSB-managed Vieux Restaurant in Manila. The couple flew home the next day.

During her brief five-day visit, Brown was able to tour the new DLS-CSB building in Manila, and discuss with its administrators the possibility of forging a series of partnerships between one of Manila's premier design schools and FIT.

"The facilities were lovely," she said, referring to the Ed Calma-designed DLS-CSB building on P. Ocampo Street. "The whole concept of bringing in light and air is very creative. This inspirational kind of environment provides great support for nurturing creative minds."

Both schools, she said, have similar thrusts in such areas as fashion design, merchandising, photography, computer animation and textile development. Partnerships could come in the form of teacher training, curriculum enhancement and even developing dual degrees between students of the two schools.

"We just have to determine what's best based on what St. Benilde would like to accomplish. I also have to see what's best from both points of view," she added.

Creativity and passion

Love for fashion is necessary, but one also needs a great deal of creativity and passion to excel in it. Brown conceded that not all students in fashion are cut out to become the next Calvin Klein, Carolina Herrera or Michael Kors, three of FIT's most famous graduates. That's nothing to be ashamed of.

"It's important for students to pursue their dreams," she said. "Sometimes that dream changes because reality sets in. But there are always avenues in fashion for people to develop their own kind of creative spirit."

Over the years, FIT has produced a number of exceptional merchants who've also managed to make their mark in the fashion biz. It has also come up with its share of display and exhibit artists as well as stylists, who are considered among the best in their chosen fields.

Brown, who's no stranger to Filipinos' legendary creativity, has also been in discussion with Natori on ways to raise the country's profile abroad.

"It involves creating a different kind of market and really figuring out what's natural, what's the strength Philippine artisans and textiles have," she said.

One area she sees that could work to the country's advantage is the Filipino's ability to use indigenous natural resources in wonderful and surprising ways. The Philippines has tremendous feedstock now that there's so much focus on sustainability.

"I think you always go back to your strengths," she said, when asked how the country could stand out in an increasingly globalized world. "Your strength, as I see it, is in your ability to use natural fibers in developing textiles. Apart from the handiwork and beautiful embroidery, I also see a great deal of creativity in people's approach to living."

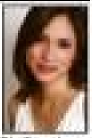
It's always a challenge, she admitted, for a group of people to stay true to their roots and still produce something that resonates with the world market.

She was supposed to do the malls and visit the ateliers of some of the country's more famous designers. Her packed schedule, unfortunately, didn't allow her to do that.

"They didn't give me much time to buy clothes," she said. "I have to come back."

7 products to welcome the summer with

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Ria Francisco-Prieto

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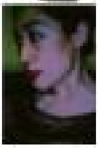


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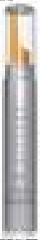




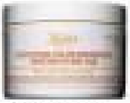
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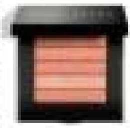
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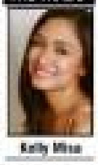


BOBBI Brown Brick Shimmer

Swarovski is now a beauty brand, too

The renowned crystal designer's partnership with global brand Clarins proves to be a sweet and sparkling choice

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FOREVER 21 OPENS A NEW STYLE DESTINATION IN MAKATI'S CBD



Forever 21 brings its outstanding fashion to Makati's Central Business District with the opening of its new store in SM Makati.

Forever 21 puts its exciting brand of fashion in business as it opens a new store today, April 8, at the Ground Floor of SM Makati, right in the heart of the Makati Central Business District.

In the Philippines, Forever 21 partners with the SM Retail Group, and its Executive Vice President Larry Meyer is "very pleased to be working with SM, who has given us these great opportunities."

"We're very happy that Forever 21 is now here in Makati," says Forever 21's Dino Li about the opening of the brand's second store in the country. "The Central Business District's fashionable set can now enjoy shopping for stylish yet affordable pieces in our store."

It will be remembered that Forever 21's Flagship Store at SM Megamall had a phenomenal opening in July last year. And with that and the opening of the new Makati store, Meyer is "very excited to extend our reach in the Philippines and to offer our customers an unforgettable shopping experience."



Preppy-inspired picks from Heritage 1981.



Curves Ahead. Forever 21+ is an eclectic mix of stylish pieces that accentuate and play up the curves of a full-figured woman.



It's all about feminine sophistication with Love 21.



Tween picks at Forever 21 Girls.



The stylish man in the Metro will find a better, bigger 21 Men area at the Forever 21 Makati Store.

The almost 2,000 square meter Makati store has bright elegant interiors, and is packed with exciting merchandise from Forever 21's iconic brands – Forever 21, Love 21, Heritage 1981, Forever 21 Girls, and Forever 21+. It will have a larger space and more merchandise for 21 Men, and will have its own area for shoes.

Forever 21 is all about an eclectic mix of on-trend fashion that is vibrant and youthful. Inspired by the styles on and off the fashion runway, it is a treasure trove of trendy merchandise that the stylish set can mix and match to create their own distinct look.

Forever 21+ lets women flaunt their curves in fabulous ways and extended sizes. This follows Forever 21's trendy take on everything, offering tops, jeans, leggings, skirts, and dresses in 1X (17/18), 1X (13/14), 2X (15/16), and 3X (17/18).

Forever 21 Girls lets tweens rule their tweendom with young, fun, and flirty fashion pieces.

Heritage 1981 is all about style, individuality and confidence. It mixes classic basics, collegiate pieces, vintage inspired fashion, and extraordinary artsy styling. Even new trends get an old-school feel and a touch of looks for an adventurous and carefree fashion attitude. Think 1960s Woodstock meets 21st century Coachella.

Love 21 is all about cosmopolitan chic designed for the sophisticated Forever 21 woman. With a more elevated fabric construction, as well as trims and cuts, Love 21 spells contemporary and refined fashion with unexpected twists.

21 Men is for the contemporary man of style, packed with fun and creative designs for urban trendsetters. Forever 21's Makati store has a stronger, wider, and more versatile lineup of classic, casual and urban clothes for men of all ages.

The store's shoppers can also enjoy perks and great fashion values as P500 vouchers, with a minimum spend of P2,000, will be given away for the first 200 shoppers to line up.

Be one of the first to enjoy shopping in style at the new Forever 21 store in Makati's Central Business District.

LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty





This beauty icon can still make a teen girl insecure

In her 40s, model, actress, fitness advocate and super mom Tweetie de Leon-Gonzales remains down-to-earth—and a skilled driver

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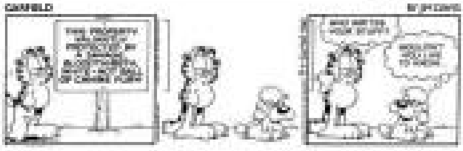
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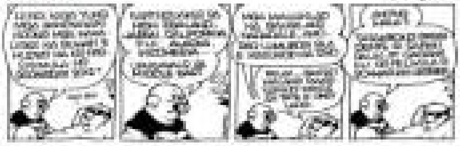
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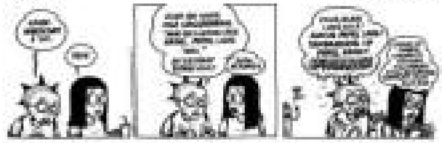




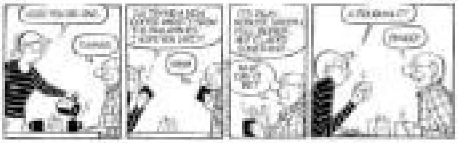
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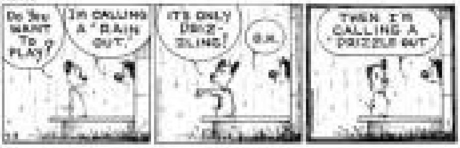
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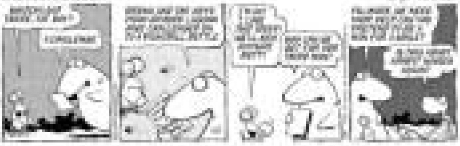
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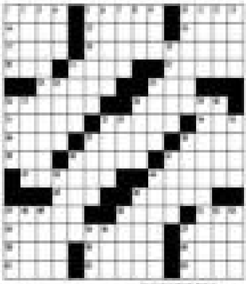
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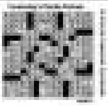
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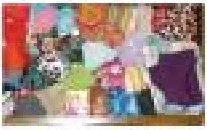


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WITH HER husband and kids

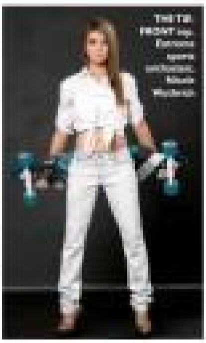


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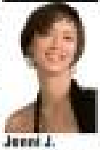
Basic training

Finally, the summer heat is starting to make itself known. Hello, summer!





Jenni J. Epperson



LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty



The return of Den Abesamis

The former model has built an enviable record in the US as a no-nonsense, perfectionist fashion executive. It helps that he looks impeccably fashionable. How does he do it?





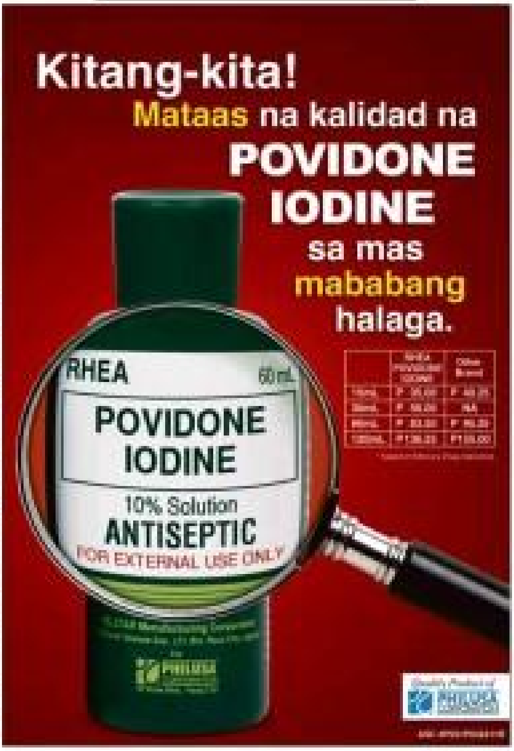

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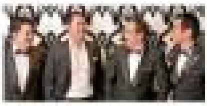






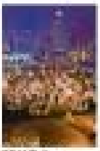




















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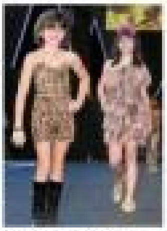
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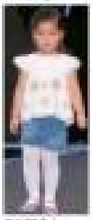


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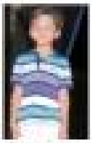






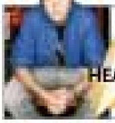






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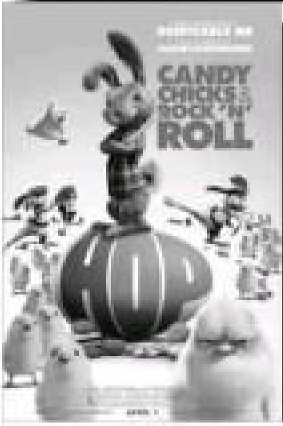
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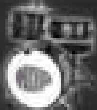
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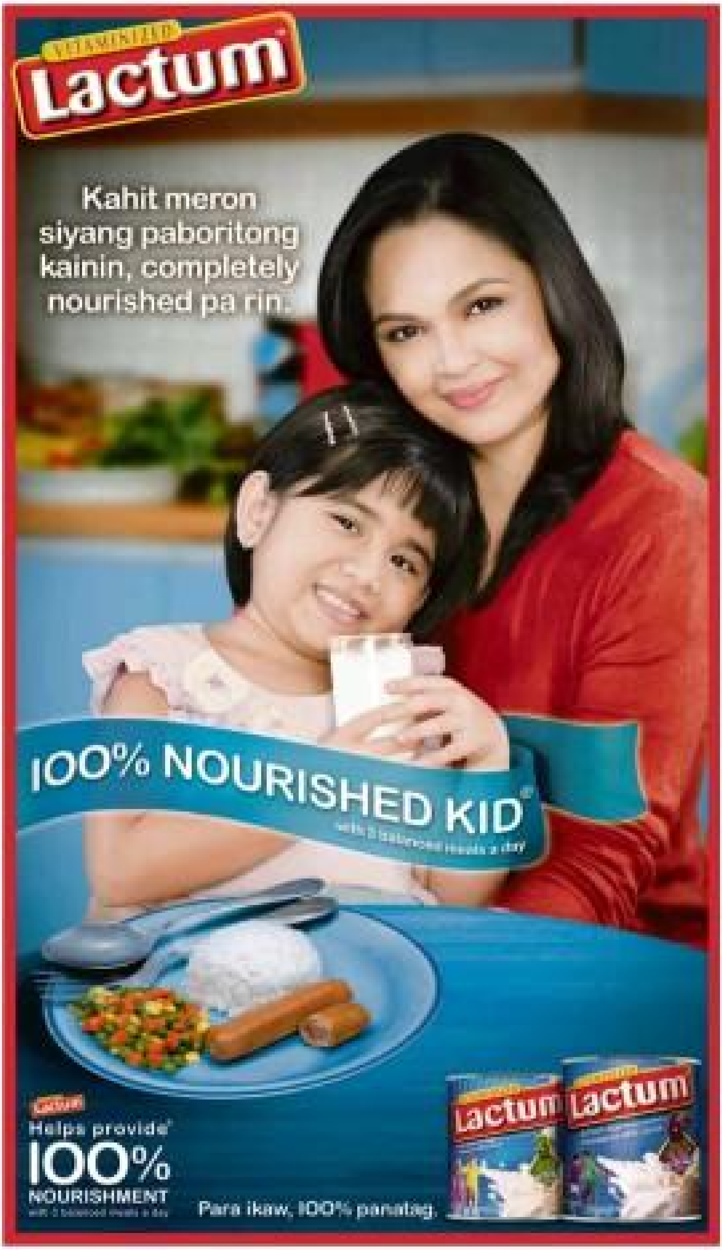
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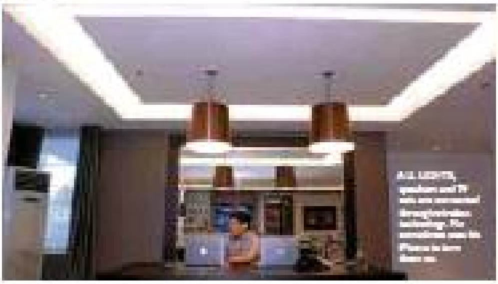
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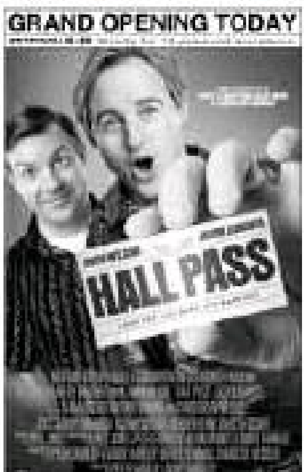


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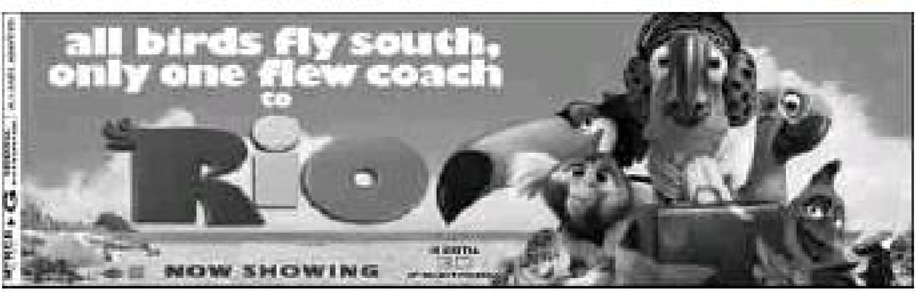
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The Graduate

Carmi Martin gets a degree at 47 — proudly

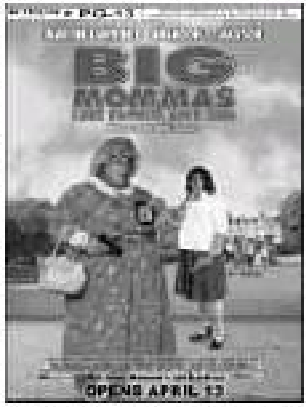

Carmi Martin

No regrets

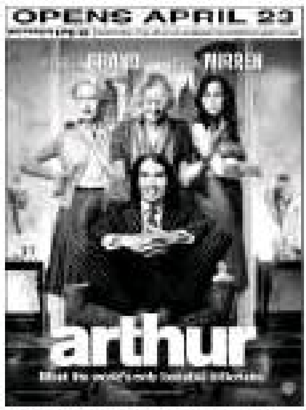




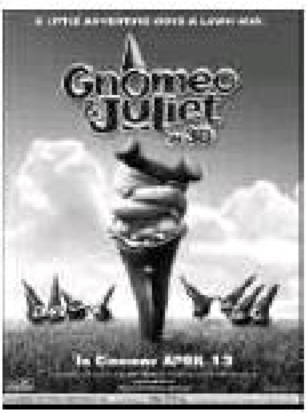


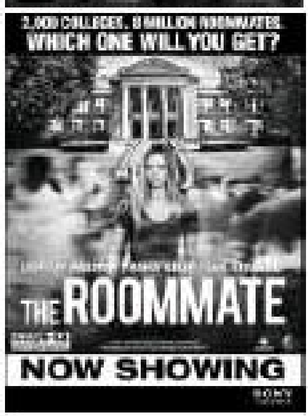














THE WATER in the aquarium is kept cool at 26 degrees centigrade.



He works...

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radio show. I might turn this into a recording studio for my podcast. I plan to soundproof it so I can do that."

The most extravagant showcase in the condo: a 80-li aquarium of saltwater fish. "I keep the tank cool. It's air-conditioned 24 hours a day. There's a digital thermometer that I keep at 26 degrees centigrade. This is why my electric bill is never below P10,000," he said.

Displayed prominently in the living room is an authentic didgeridoo from Australia. "I don't know how to play it," said Mo, blowing into the instrument and making a droning noise. "Mike Iyoha and a friend to played it with this one."

Mo showed us a bicycle he bought during a recent trip to London. "I use it around Makati, usually at night when it's not too warm anymore," he said.

The self-confessed "super romantic" confessed that he buys almost everything abroad, the better to remind him of cherished moments while traveling.

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AN AUTHENTIC didgeridoo from Australia



BICYCLE bought all the way from London



MO LEAVES sweet messages for his girlfriend on the bathroom mirror.

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OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory

Renato "Atong" Marcos Labadan

June 11, 1935 – April 5, 2011

UPLB, Idaho University, Cornell, Ateneo

Atong - endearing father, patient grandfather, "wise" brother among siblings, husband, communitarian Cornellian, proud Ilocano, dedicated Rotarian, insect lover, coconut scholar and author, intimate with some and devoted friend to most across the Philippines and over 60 countries— one who showed us that genuinely kind souls have a special place under the sun.

Atong you will be missed........

His remains lie in state at Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

BIENVENIDO ILUSTRE REYES

APRIL 28, 1927 – APRIL 5, 2011

His loving wife, Abigail Lily Garcia Reyes; children Rebecca & Hiram, Gilda & Jesse, Esther & Bobby, Deborah, Ben (+) & Sally; grandchildren Myke, Nikki & Anthony, Chelsy, Michael, Paolo, Ariel, Joshua, Lauren, Dean, Michelle, David, and Samuel; sisters-in-law; cousins, nephews and nieces; other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence in Poblacion, Bauan, Batangas.

Interment will be on Sunday, April 10, 2011, after the 1:00pm memorial service at the Bauan Evangelical Church.

"Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." - Psalm 23:6

Simplicio de Jesus y Jacinto "Piciong"

March 2, 1924 - March 21, 2011

A message of THANKS:

The **De Jesus Family** would like to express their sincere gratitude to all those who sympathized with the family, offered their prayers, and simply made their presence felt by each member of the family. It is greatly appreciated.

It was a wonderful feeling to know that our beloved Simplicio has touched so many lives.

Thank You.

Death Notices

GIL MERIEL RAREZA

May 7, 1930 – April 6, 2011

His body lies in state at the residence of Luz Carmelo in Habili, Malinao, Bicol. Interment is on Saturday, April 9, 2011, time to be announced later.

SUSAN A. CAANGAY

May 30, 1955 – April 7, 2011

Joined our Creator at the age of 55.

Interment will be on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Aglipay Cemetery in Sta. Teresa, Pikang, Zambales after the 8:30 am Mass.

She is survived by husband Eduardo Caangay Jr. and children Nash, Kyle, Carole, Kim and Bea.

People, Events & Products

The Asian Banker cites BDO for excellence award

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Downpour of knowledge during summer

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Dencio's Summer Sinugba Spree

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"How to Excel in Law School" seminar

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Asha's Summer Kiddie Cook-off

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Experience a wellness treat amidst a busy week

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GCA Pasig moves to a bigger location

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